

Paradise Honors High School

Student Dress Code

We believe that every student has intrinsic worth based upon who he or she is and not what he or she wears. We want to create an environment in which each student can develop those innate qualities, focus on learning, and contribute in a positive way to the community. We also believe that cultural pressures related to clothing choice can distract students and undermine that positive environment. The dress code we have adopted encourages self-discipline and will still allow students to be creative in exercising choice.

The dress code applies while on school grounds and at all school events on or off campus (including field trips) unless otherwise directed by administration.

All clothes will:

- be clean and neat
- be the appropriate size (not too tight or too large)
- be free of letters, numbers, icons, pictures, and symbols that represent anything illegal, violent, illicit, gang-related, offensive, or suggestive
- not be torn, tattered, or written-on
- not be of a see-through fabric
- not interfere with the educational process or present a safety hazard as determined by the PHHS administration

Tops will:

- have short or long sleeves (not be sleeveless, spaghetti straps, strapless, tank tops, halter tops)
- not be skin tight
- not extend 6" inches below the waist of pants
- be buttoned, zipped, fastened or solid to within 4" of the base of the neck (no exposed cleavage)
- no exposed midriff – top must cover midriff regardless of sitting, standing, bending, etc.

Pants will:

- be pulled up and snug above the hips
- be no longer than just above the sole of the shoe
- not be overalls, tights, stretch pants, athletic wear, lounge wear or leggings

Shorts/Skirts will:

- be pulled up and snug above the hips
- be no shorter than 4" above the knee
- not be overalls, tights, stretch shorts, athletic wear or lounge wear

Dresses will:

- be buttoned, zipped, fastened, or solid to within 4” of the base of the neck
- cover the shoulders or have a top under the dress that covers the shoulders and underarms

Jackets/Coats will:

- not be worn inside classrooms
- hooded sweatshirts are allowed; however, hoods may not be worn in the classroom

Jewelry/Piercings will:

- be kept to a minimum
- not include any piercing of any body parts other than the ears
- include only appropriate neckwear, bracelets, belts, and sweatbands
- no excessive number of wristbands, bracelets, or anklets
- no ornate or raised belt buckles/belts

Make Up will:

- be kept to a minimum
- reflect natural skin colors
- reflect appropriate nail colors

Footwear will:

- be required at all times
- not be flip flops or slippers
- shoes must be a matching pair
- not be “heelies” or skates

Hair will:

- be clean and neat
- be natural hair colors
- not be an extreme style or color
- not be a Mohawk
- not be spiked over 2”

Headwear will:

- only be worn outside the buildings
- not include “do-rags”, bandanas or sweatbands

Tattoos & body art will:

- not be allowed (including permanent, temporary, henna, or any other types of tattoos or body art)
- temporary tattoos or body art will be washed off immediately
- permanent and henna tattoos or body art will be covered at all times

Backpacks will:

- be free of any student writing

- be free of logos, symbols, or pictures that represent something illegal, violent, illicit, or suggestive

Exceptions:

Exceptions can be made to this dress code with prior approval by the administration.

Non-compliance:

Students who are in non-compliance with the dress code will be referred to the administration and assigned a consequence in accordance to the Student Code of Conduct and will not be allowed return to class until they are in dress code.

Interpretation of dress code:

Interference with the educational process, items that present a safety hazard and any interpretation of the dress code will be determined solely by the administration at Paradise Honors High School.